

MR. ROGER VOELKER: I figure if Mrs. Klotz

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9 can stand, I can stand.

10 My name is Roger Voelker. I am from
11 South Bend, Indiana. I represent several
12 organizations, primarily the Citizens Action
13 Coalition of Indiana, but also I am a member of
14 the board of my local neighborhood association,
15 the Rum Village Neighborhood Association in
16 South Bend, which is along one of projected
17 transportation routes.

18 Don't anybody snitch on me. I am not
19 supposed to be here. I do not have written
20 comments because I ended up in the hospital. I
21 hadn't planned on that and I am here violating
22 explicit orders of my doctor not to come here
23 and not to drive out of town.

24 But this is very important and that is
1 why I am here today. Let me say, first of all,
2 that it is the view of the Citizens Action
3 Coalition of Indiana that nuclear power is not
1 4 clean energy. 70,000 metric tons of high-level
5 radioactive waste that we still don't really
6 know what we are going to do with, is not
7 friendly to the environment. Not to mention the
8 millions of tons of radioactive tailings from
9 the mining and the millions of tons of low-level
10 waste that would be created when the
11 decommissioning of plants is under way.

12 There are cheaper and much more

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13 effective alternatives to problems such as
14 global warming, including using energy
15 efficiency, better use of energy efficiency,
16 renewables and also use of transition
17 technology, such as combined cycle gas
18 generation plants.

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19 But, I am here to address the draft
20 environmental impact statement. One of the
21 great concerns of both the Rum Village
22 Neighborhood Association, and CAC, and thousands
23 of citizens of the State of Indiana, is the
24 amount of the, the transportation corridors that
1 come through Indiana.

2 If Illinois is the third most affected
3 state, Indiana will be the fourth most affected
4 state. All of the waste that comes through
5 Illinois must first pass through Indiana with
6 the exception of that waste coming up on I-57
7 through Kentucky.

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8 Indiana has no nuclear power plants.
9 With the exception of the few very small
10 research reactors at our universities, Indiana
11 produces no nuclear or high-level nuclear
12 waste. Two and a half years ago at the
13 University of Notre Dame, we held a conference
14 on the transportation of high-level radioactive
15 nuclear waste. Present at that conference were
16 a number of emergency responders, LEPC members,

17. Local Emergency Preparedness Committee members,
18 and the folks representing firefighters.

19 We were informed that these folks
20 mostly did not even know about the possible
21 plans for high-level waste coming through their
22 area. It had not been mentioned to them. They
23 had not been trained, had not been equipped, and
24 this was a great concern to those across the
1 northern part of the state in particular.

2 Also, I found out that the
3 firefighters union that represent the rank and
4 file rather than leadership, but the rank and
5 file firefighters are on record as opposing the
6 transportation, at least the premature
7 transportation of this waste before we have a
8 secure place to put it, which Yucca Mountain is
9 not, until they have been properly equipped and
10 trained.

4 11 There are many other problems with the
12 draft EIS regarding transportation. We now have
13 on the Web site for DOE the routes, but that was
14 not available when the draft EIS was prepared.
15 It does not identify specific routes or address
16 in its analysis those specific routes, and that
17 is a failing that needs to be addressed in the
18 final EIS draft, or EIS document.

5... 19 It does not address properly
20 socioeconomic impacts. For example, what would
21 be the effect in communities along the

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22 transportation route of an accident, or even the
23 effect on property values of having the
24 potential for an accident. This is something
1 that my neighbors in the Rum Village
2 Neighborhood Association along the route are
3 very, very concerned about.

4 DR. LAWSON (Facilitator): 30 seconds,
5 please.

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6 MR. VOELKER: Okay. There are questions
7 about environmental justice. There's been no
8 analysis along the specific routes regarding the
9 impact on minority communities. Half of Rum
10 Village is minority, not to mention native
11 American communities, black and Hispanic
12 communities. Note that the waste would end up
13 in land, which, by the treaty of Ruby Valley, is
14 the property of Western Shoshone nation.

15 There is also many problems with the
16 Yucca Mountain site. I am not going to go into
17 that because that would use up the rest of the
18 time. But that will be -- other people, I am
19 sure, today have and will address that, and I
20 will be addressing that in the formal written
21 statement that I do plan to submit to the
22 Department of Energy by the 9th.

23 Thank you.